

THREE BODIES RECOVERED FROM WATERY GRAVE

Six Lives are Claimed by Death in Waters of Utah Lake

PRE-NUPTIAL PARTY IS WRECKED ON UTAH LAKE

WHILE celebrating the engagement and prospective marriage of Miss Vera Brown and Edwin B. Holmes, of Salt Lake City, last Sunday, six people gave up their lives to the waters of the Utah lake, when the launch Galilee, owned by Captain Edwin G. Brown, capsized without any warning in ten feet of water.

Ten other persons from Salt Lake City were thrown into the water and spent two hours in battle with the waves with which they were victorious. After a struggle of two hours they were sighted by a party of pleasure seekers in the launch, Levern, owned by the Ward brothers of this city and rescued from what seemed certain death.

Three of the dead were children of Mr. Brown, owner of the boat, and the other a prospective son-in-law.

Benjamin W. Raymond and his little son, Sherwood, died together, the son being held in the father's arms as the waves claimed them as victims.

With a look of horror and hopelessness the bride and groom to be, gave up life together without a cry or dissatisfied exclamation.

The cause of the accident will probably never be known. Captain Brown, owner of the boat, a sailor of many years of experience is unable to give any information as to the cause of the incident and other parties who were in the accident are equally ignorant of the causes. While the sea rolled high, it is not thought that this only could have caused the boat to overturn.

With no warning or notice, the boat suddenly capsized, tossing the sixteen occupants into the water. All of them were fortunate in grabbing hold of the overturned boat. Some had a better hold than others and were in a better position in being protected from the winds and the rolling waves. As the minutes ticked away and while they were making desperate effort to cling to the boat, strength gave way and one by one they dropped into the lake not to be seen again by their unfortunate companions.

A pathetic feature of the incident was in the effort made by several to assist others and in each case both were drowned.

FATHER AND SON DIE.

Benjamin W. Raymond and his son, Sherwood, were clinging to the boat together. The strength of little Raymond, who was only five years of age, began to give way and it was noted by the anxious father. A wave dashed against the little fellow and as the father made effort to protect him, they both lost their hold and went to the bottom of the lake together. Frank Brown sank to his death while attempting to save his sister, Helen, and Edward B. Holmes and Vera Brown, his intended wife, went down together. Holmes had made a desperate effort to save Miss Brown, but had failed and death came to both at the same time.

FATHER SEES CHILDREN DIE.

While Mr. Brown had been a party to many sea experiences, he was forced to witness the death of his three children and the others who were his guests. Despite the terrible ordeal of seeing his children drowned Mr. Brown assisted the survivors to the relief boat and assisted in steering the Levern to land.

While clinging to the boat with the remainder of the surviving party, Captain Brown saw the body of his daughter, Vera, float by and he hastily grabbed it and lashed it to the mast of the ill-fated Galilee.

The body of Vera Brown was taken from the Galilee by Frank Ward and David Quinn after the survivors had been taken to land. It was with difficulty that these men obtained the body. The wind was blowing and the waves rolled high. They neared the wreck in row-boats and were nearly capsized in their effort to loose the body.

WARD TELLS OF RESCUE.

Frank Ward, who had charge of the rescue boat, tells a pathetic story con-

Capt. Brown Tells His Story

PROBABLY the most pathetic incident of the catastrophe was that presented by Captain Edwin G. Brown, who, while tenderly stroking the winding sheet which covered his daughter, Vera, the broken man told in detail the story of the terrible tragedy which robbed him of three children and a prospective son-in-law and two friends.

With trembling voice he told how he had seen them, one by one become exhausted and drop into the treacherous waters. He told how four times the boat swung heavily from the water's edge to water's edge, each time hurling the drowning passengers from their scant holds upon the keel, and with each turn a life was lost.

Captain Brown told how, with the first turn, little Sherwood Raymond went overboard and how his father, B. W. Raymond, in attempting to save his child, fell headlong after him.

He told how his daughter and son, Helen and Frank, were the next to go.

"Frank and Helen," he said, "were the next. They fought with every sense of the dying and the heroic boy stood by his sister to the last, and when their strength was gone and they no longer had the life to fight with the power around them, clasped in each other's arms they disappeared in the waves.

"Vera was washed away twice and went under, but I went after her and brought her back and said, 'Vera, keep steady; be brave.' Then I don't know exactly what happened, but I think her left foot must have been caught in the boat, and she went from the boat again and again I brought her back. I looked into her face and saw that she was dead. Then I tied her to the boat—just where she was found at 5 o'clock."

MISS OLIVE NAYLOR'S STORY.

"It seemed endless hours that we were in the water before we were finally rescued. Every big wave nearly caused us to lose our grip. For long periods of time I don't know what occurred. I have no recollection of how we lived through the hours. Mr. Raymond's little boy went first and his father dropped off directly afterward. I heard Vera Brown say, 'There goes Ed,' when E. H. Holmes lost his grip and dropped into the water."

MISS IVY NAYLOR'S STORY.

"It was my uncle who saved us all," (speaking of Captain Brown), said Miss Ivy Naylor, one of the survivors and sister to Miss Olive Naylor. "He seemed to be everywhere calling to us to hold on, to be brave and to help each other. It seems terrible that his own children should be lost when he was trying so hard to save every one of the party and did not think of them alone."

"It was awful as we missed the different members of the party, but the worst came when Vera was brought on board and uncle tied her to the mast."

"I think we lost hope then, but uncle shouted to us that we must be brave, and that it would come out all right. I know he roused me many times when I felt that I was slipping away."

ARTHUR DIXON IS KILLED BY HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE

ARTHUR DIXON, one of the best-known contractors and citizens of this city, was instantly killed yesterday morning at the Murdock power plant, six miles above Heber City. Dixon came in contact with high voltage wires. William Blood, of Midway, was also killed, and M. V. Eardley was injured.

Reports received by R. E. Allen, of the Knight Investment company this morning are to the effect that Mr. Eardley was not seriously injured and will be on duty in a few days.

The body of Mr. Dixon was brought to this city last night by his brother, John D. Dixon, and was taken to the Berg Undertaking parlors.

Mr. Dixon was not badly burned, but he received the full shock of 12,000 volts and death came instantly. Just how the accident happened will probably not be known, at least not until Mr. Eardley is able to tell the story.

COUNTY INFIRMARY SELLS FOOD STUFF

ELBERTA PRECINCT IS MADE LEGAL BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of County commissioners yesterday adopted a resolution creating Elberta precinct bounded as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of section 9, township 9 south, range 1 west; thence west to county line, thence commencing at the same corner and running south on the east section line and beyond to the half section line between sections 21 and 22, township 10 south, range 1 west, thence east on the said half section line one mile, thence south to the county line of Utah county including all territory in Utah county and west of said line.

County Treasurer, E. J. Palfreyman

Yesterday morning Dixon, who was master contractor, was being assisted by Blood and M. V. Eardley in carrying a new transformer into a new substation. Eardley was in front, backing into the building when he came in contact with an insulated electric wire carrying a high voltage. According to Eardley there was a flash as if they had been struck by lightning and Eardley fell backwards over the wire and the current passed through his body to the bodies of his companions, killing them instantly, while Eardley who transmitted the deadly current to his companions escaped with severe burns.

William Talbot, a carpenter who was assisting them, rushed out of the building at the flash to summon aid but he would allow no one to enter the building or touch the bodies believing that it would kill them. When Eardley returned to consciousness he called for assistance but none would enter. When his strength revived he endeavored to remove the body of Blood from the wire. Following this those on the outside came to his aid.

Arthur Dixon was well known in this city having been born here.

Three Bodies Recovered

The bodies of Helen and Frank Brown were taken from the bottom of the lake yesterday afternoon. This makes three of the six bodies which have been recovered.

Several parties from this city are today working on the lake in an effort to locate the other bodies. The fish nets of the Madgen Bros. have been pressed into service and it was with these that the two bodies were located yesterday. Grappling hooks are also being used. Knock Clark and C. R. Starnes of this city, both expert swimmers, were at the scene last night and made effort to locate the bodies.

A telephone message from the Schneider ranch at a late hour this afternoon states that none of the other victims have been located.

THE DROWNED.

Frank Brown, aged 23, son of Captain Edwin Brown of launch Galilee.
Vera Brown, his sister, aged 21, 412 East Third South.
Helen Brown, another sister, aged 18, 412 East Third South.
Edward B. Holmes, of 333 East Third South street, clerk for the Crane company, plumbers' supplies.
Benjamin W. Raymond, of 1080 First avenue, assistant manager of the Crane company.
Sherwood Raymond, his 5-year-old son.

THE RESCUED.

Miss M. E. Covey, 339 Fifth East.
Captain E. G. Brown, 412 East Third South.
Miss Evvy Naylor, 333 East Third South.
Miss Olive Naylor, 333 East Third South.
O. E. McMullen, 325 East Third South.
Acton Rodwell, 442 South East.
Miss Helen Moreton, 618 East Third South.
Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Clarke, 811 South Ninth East.
Miss Katherine Behan, 345 South Fifth East.

THE RESCUERS.

J. F. Ward, Frank Jones, David Quinn, Roy Peters, Arvid Reese, Bob Buckley, Bruce Reese, Edward Mae, Art Goodman, Ed Simons, Percy Jones, R. Blumenthal, Rudolph Peterson, Ray Gibbey and James Gibbey.